

**10<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**

### **127th Constitution Amendment Bill, 2021 introduced in Lok Sabha**

The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2021 was introduced in the Lok Sabha. The bill seeks to restore the power of States and Union Territories to make their own OBC lists. Introducing the Bill, Social Justice Minister Dr Virendra Kumar said the Chief Ministers of opposition ruled states have also made the demand for this legislation. Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the opposition is in support of the Bill. He said the government has brought this legislation as the OBC community is agitated.

### **Rajya Sabha returns Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 after brief discussion**

The Rajya Sabha returned the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 after a brief discussion. The bill provides that no tax demand will be raised in future on the basis of the retrospective amendment for any indirect transfer of Indian assets, if the transaction was undertaken before 28th May, 2012.

It is further proposed to provide that the demand raised for indirect transfer of Indian assets made before the date will be nullified on fulfillment of specified conditions.

The bill also proposes to refund the amount paid in these cases without any interest thereon. The bill seeks to amend the Income Tax Act of 1961 and the Finance Act of 2012.

Speaking on the bill, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that it has been brought in the wake of Supreme Court's judgments.

### **Parliament passes Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2021**

Parliament has passed the Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2021 with the Rajya Sabha approving it amid din. The Lok Sabha has already passed the Bill.

The bill seeks to dissolve certain existing appellate bodies and transfer their functions to other existing judicial bodies. It replaces a similar ordinance promulgated in April this year.

### **Parliament passes Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2021**

Parliament has passed the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2021 with the Lok Sabha clearing it amid din with voice vote. The Rajya Sabha has already approved it.

The Bill seeks to amend the constitutional list of Scheduled Tribes as recommended by Arunachal Pradesh. It removes the Abor tribe from the list of identified STs in that state and also replaces certain STs with other tribes. Speaking on the bill, Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda said it will provide justice to tribals.

### **Parliament passed Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021**

Parliament has passed the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021 with the Rajya Sabha approving it. The Lok Sabha has already cleared it.

The bill seeks to establish a new Central University in Ladakh to ensure an increase in

accessibility and quality of higher education and research for the people of the Union territory. The new university will be named as Sindhu Central University.

Speaking on the bill, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said, the government has allocated Rs. 750 crore for the development of this university in which 2,500 students will be benefited.

### **Parliament passes Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2021**

Parliament has passed the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2021 with the Lok Sabha clearing it amid din. The Rajya Sabha has already approved the Bill. It seeks to amend the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961. The Bill seeks to provide depositors time-bound access to their insured deposit amount, in case they are restricted from accessing their bank deposits. It provides that the Corporation will be liable to pay the insured deposit amount to depositors on an interim basis. The Bill mandates the Corporation to pay the insured amount to the depositors within 90 days of the date such liability arises.

Speaking on the Bill, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, the legislation is aimed at supporting the small depositors. She said depositors of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank, Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank and others will be benefited with this move. The Minister said the insurance cover limit has been raised from one lakh to five lakh. The House passed the legislation without any discussion.

### **Parliament passes Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2021**

Parliament has passed the Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2021 with the Lok Sabha approving it amid din. The Rajya Sabha has already cleared the Bill. The Bill seeks to amend the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008.

The Bill converts certain offences into civil defaults and changes the nature of punishment for these offences. It also defines small LLP, provides for appointment of certain adjudicating officers and establishment of special courts. Speaking on the Bill, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, it will help start-ups, LLP professionals and Chartered Accountants. The Bill was passed without any discussion.

### **In a first, Chhattisgarh recognises forest resource rights in an urban area**

Chhattisgarh became the first state to recognise Community Forest Resource Rights in an urban area, with the state government recognising rights of residents of Dhamtari district over 4,127 hectares of forests.

Community resource rights over 5,544 hectares of forest within the core area of the tiger reserve area were also recognised.

Under Forest Rights Act, 2006, Community Forest Resource Right gives gram sabhas the right to protect, regenerate or conserve or manage any forest resources used by the entire community, or village.

**BRO starts its celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav; organising nationwide welfare & patriotic activities**

Border Roads Organization has started its celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, commemorating 75 years of country's Independence. To mark this momentous occasion, BRO is organising nationwide welfare and patriotic activities across the nation.

As a part of the celebration, gallantry award winners and war heroes have been felicitated in Uttarakhand and Sikkim. Besides, 75 medical camps, plantation drives at 75 locations and 75 school samvad being organised across the country. National Flag to be unfurled on Independence Day at 75 highest passes of the nation.

**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Indian Railways to set up temporary exhibition cum sale stalls of handloom & khadi at 75 railway stations**

The nation is celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence.

As a part of the celebrations, Indian Railways will set up temporary exhibition cum sale stalls of handloom and khadi material at 75 selected railway stations of the country. These stalls will be a symbol of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'.